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I remember when the bombs exploded at the 2013 Boston Marathon and everyone was immediately scrambling for information. I had been on the course, but I rushed back to my apartment, where my friends and I checked Twitter for any updates. Social media has changed how we get our news, in some cases making the spread of information way easier. But Twitter can also pose hazards by spreading misinformation. A new report looks at how rumors from the Boston Marathon bombings, and from Hurricane Sandy in 2012, gained momentum on the social media platform. Read more on page 4 and at metro.us.

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METRO.USDOJ AGREES TO EXPANDED
PROBE OF TRUMP CAMPAIGN

1 The Justice Department on Monday agreed to expand its investigation into alleged Russia collusion in the 2016 election to include "any irregularities" in FBI tactics involving Trump's presidential campaign, a White House spokeswoman said. Trump suggested on Friday that the FBI might have planted or recruited an informant in his presidential campaign for political purposes, citing unidentified reports that at least one FBI representative was "implanted." The agreement came during a meeting that Trump had with Deputy Attorney

General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, the spokeswoman, Sarah Sanders, said. The Justice Department "has asked the inspector general to expand its current investigation to include any irregularities with the FBI's or the Department of Justice's tactics concerning the Trump Campaign," Sanders said in a statement. Federal investigators are probing whether anyone in the Trump campaign worked with Russia to sway the election to the Republican candidate. Trump has denied any collusion and repeatedly dismissed the investigation as a "witch hunt."

NORTH KOREA SUMMIT
IS ON SHAKY GROUND

2 Three weeks before an unprecedented U.S.-North Korea summit is supposed to take place, President Donald Trump will meet South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Tuesday as U.S. officials try to figure out whether Pyongyang is serious about negotiating a deal on denuclearization. Moon's White House visit was originally arranged as a meeting to fine-tune a joint strategy for dealing with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un but has instead become more of a crisis session after Pyongyang last week threatened to pull out of the planned

June 12 summit in Singapore. Moon's government led efforts to resume dialogue with North Korea and gave enthusiastic accounts of its encounters with Kim, spurring Trump to accept an offer of a first-ever meeting between U.S. and North Korean presidents. But the White House was caught off-guard when, in a dramatic change of tone, North Korea last week condemned the latest U.S.-South Korean air combat drills, suspended North-South talks and threw into doubt the summit with Trump if Pyongyang was pushed toward "unilateral nuclear abandonment."



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3 In this handout image released by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, the married couple poses for an official wedding photograph with (left-to-right in the back row) Master Jasper Dyer, the Duchess of Cornwall, the Prince of Wales, Ms. Doria Ragland, The Duke of Cambridge, (left-to-right in the middle row) Master Brian Mulroney, the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth II, the Duchess of Cambridge, Princess Charlotte, Prince George, Miss Rylan Litt, Master John Mulroney and (left-to-right in the front row) Miss Ivy Mulroney, Miss Florence van Cutsem, Miss Zalie Warren and Miss Remi Litt in The Green Drawing Room at Windsor Castle on Saturday.

DEADLY ACID CLOUD
RISES OVER HAWAII

4 Deadly white clouds of acid and fine shards of glass boiled into the sky over Hawaii on Monday as lava from the Kilauea volcano flowed into the ocean, creating a new hazard from a more than two-week eruption. Hawaii's Civil Defense agency warned motorists, boaters and beachgoers to beware of toxic clouds of so-called "laze" — a combination of "lava" and "haze" — which formed as two streams of hot lava poured into sea water. The caustic plume, which can be fatal if inhaled, was the latest danger in an eruption that shows no

signs of stopping. It has already produced around two dozen lava-spewing cracks, the same number as a previous 88-day event in 1955. The eruption has entered a more violent phase, in which large volumes of orange molten rock are streaming out of fissures in the ground that have erupted around a small area of rural communities. "We've seen Phase 1. We've seen the clearing out of the system. We call that the 'throat-clearing' phase," Carolyn Peacheta, operational geologist at the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, told reporters on a conference call.

THE OBAMAS' NEXT ACT:
A TV DEAL WITH NETFLIX

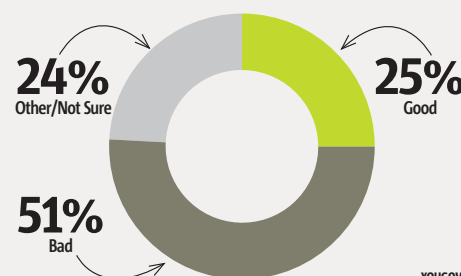
5 Former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama, have struck a deal to produce films and series for Netflix Inc., the streaming service said on Monday, giving the former first couple a powerful and unprecedented platform to shape their post-White House legacy. Under the name Higher Ground Productions, the Obamas have the option to produce scripted and unscripted series, documentaries and feature films, Netflix said in a statement. The Obamas will have hands-on involvement in producing content and will

appear personally in some of the shows while curating others, said a person familiar with the deal. Terms of the multi-year deal were not disclosed and the first of the programming is not expected to reach viewers until about May 2019, the person said. The agreement between the Obamas and Netflix, which boasts some 125 million subscribers worldwide, is a first for any occupant of the White House. The closest comparison is former Vice President Al Gore, whose global warming documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" won an Oscar in 2007.

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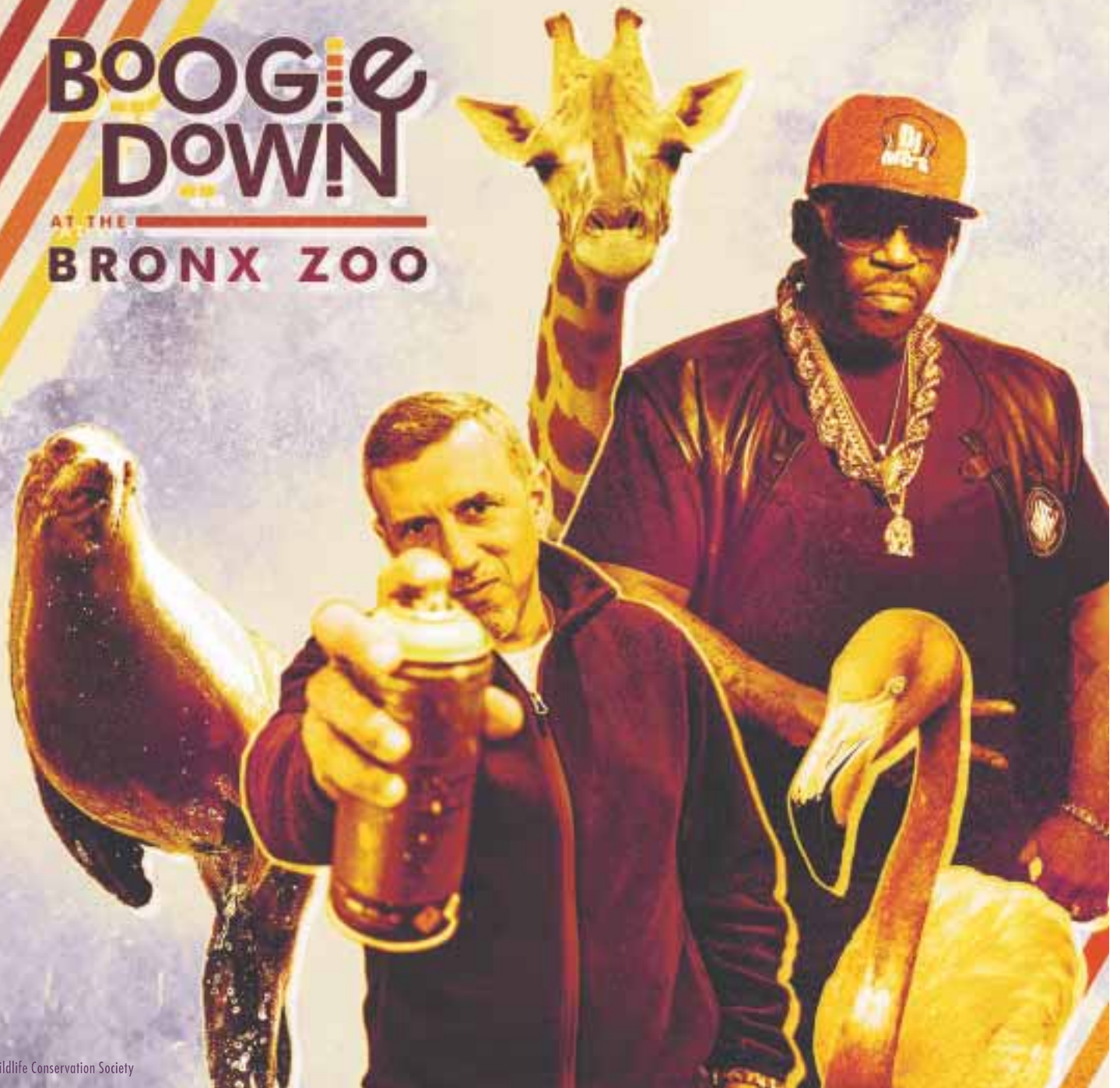
Some cities in the U.S. are considering opening supervised injection facilities, which would allow people to use illegal drugs such as heroin under supervision from medical professionals to avoid overdoses. Do you think facilities like this are a good or bad approach to the drug epidemic?



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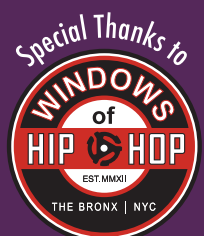
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NEWS



Most Twitter users didn't correct their Tweets that spread false info during disasters like the Boston Marathon bombings or Hurricane Sandy, a SUNY Buffalo study found. GETTY IMAGES

Here's how misinformation multiplies on Twitter in the midst of a disaster

Most people on Twitter who share false information don't correct or delete their erroneous tweets, helping them spread even more, this study found.



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On average, more than 5,000 new tweets flood Twitter every second, and that volume increases when something newsworthy — a disaster, for example — happens.

Though Twitter can be a way to share information during an emergency, users can also spread rumors and inaccuracies, and a new study takes a deeper look at how false information can circulate on the social media site.

Researchers from the State University of New York at Buffalo looked at tweets pertaining to two major U.S. disasters — Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 — and focused on two rumors from each event that spread via Twitter.

Looking at more than 20,000 tweets from both

of those situations, researchers parsed out three types of behavior: Twitter users could either spread that misinformation by retweeting or liking the inaccurate tweets; they could try to confirm the info, most commonly by asking if the tweet was correct; or they could express doubt, saying online that the original tweet was wrong.

"We only studied people who did engage with the false information spreading, and found that about 90 percent of them just retweet it, spreading the misinformation without any confirmation or questioning," said lead study author Jun Zhuang.

But that's not all. The researchers then looked at what these Twitter users did when that false information was debunked, either by officials or by traditional media outlets.

"The majority of them did nothing. They didn't correct the misinformation or delete their tweets," Zhuang said. "That result is kind of striking for us."

Less than 10 percent of those users who spread some sort of false information deleted their inaccurate tweets, and less than 20 percent of the same users clarified their initial, inaccurate tweet with a

new tweet.

Concerning Sandy, researchers looked at the spread of the false news that the New York Stock Exchange had flooded — a report that began with one Twitter user and was eventually repeated by a TV reporter — and of a fire at the Coney Island Hospital, which was spread after a misunderstood scanner report that was actually pertaining to

This problem is still relatively new, he noted, but he hopes that this study pushes people to be more responsible when it comes to sharing and correcting information during an emergency.

How does New York City use Twitter during emergencies?
Hurricane Sandy battered New York City when it made landfall in October

"These findings are important because they show how easily people are deceived during times when they are most vulnerable."

Jun Zhuang

a car on fire in the hospital's parking lot.

Zhuang said the study looked at these two events to see if there were any differences in how rumors spread for a natural disaster versus one that was man-made. There wasn't, he found.

"These findings are important because they show how easily people are deceived during times when they are most vulnerable," he said, "and the role social media platforms play in these deceptions."

of 2012, and Twitter was a main way for residents to share images of the storm's effects as well as get much-needed information from officials. More than 20 million tweets about Sandy were sent from Oct. 27 through Nov. 1, and the city's official channels were responsible for about 2,000 of those. Metro talked with Nancy Silvestri, press secretary for New York City Emergency Management, about how the social media site has changed the agency's work.

What is the main role of NYC Emergency Management?

Nancy Silvestri: Our agency really serves as a coordinating agency for New York City, so we basically help to prepare the public for emergencies, coordinate emergency response and operations, and educate [the public.]

Has Twitter changed NYCEM operations?

As people have moved to social media channels, the way that they consume information and the places they get that information from has also changed. As part of our public information strategy, we felt that one of the main goals in getting people the appropriate info during an emergency is to reach people where they are.

But one of the things that become very apparent with social media, particularly Twitter because of its pace, is that while you can share information very quickly, you also can spread misinformation very quickly. That's something we've been looking into as well for years, trying to figure out how we can make sure we can stay on top of that during emergencies in particular.

How did you address false info on Twitter?

In 2011/2012, it would originally be through manual searches of Twitter — looking for hashtags people were using related to emergency situations and see if any misinformation was being spread. ... But we realized quickly that during an emergency, the amount of tweets that come out, the amount of energy required to do that manually was not the most efficient system. We looked around for a tool that could help us monitor social media automatically, this tool has an algorithm that searches for anything happening in New York City that might be emergency related and sends updates to users

What about New Yorkers' Twitter habits?

Sometimes people tweet before they call 911. ... One thing we've done across a lot of the channels is let people know that those accounts are not monitored 24/7. We want to make sure if people reach out with a really pressing thing, that they understand they might not get an immediate response if they're tweeting at 11 at night. We tell people if they need an immediate response to call 911 or 311.

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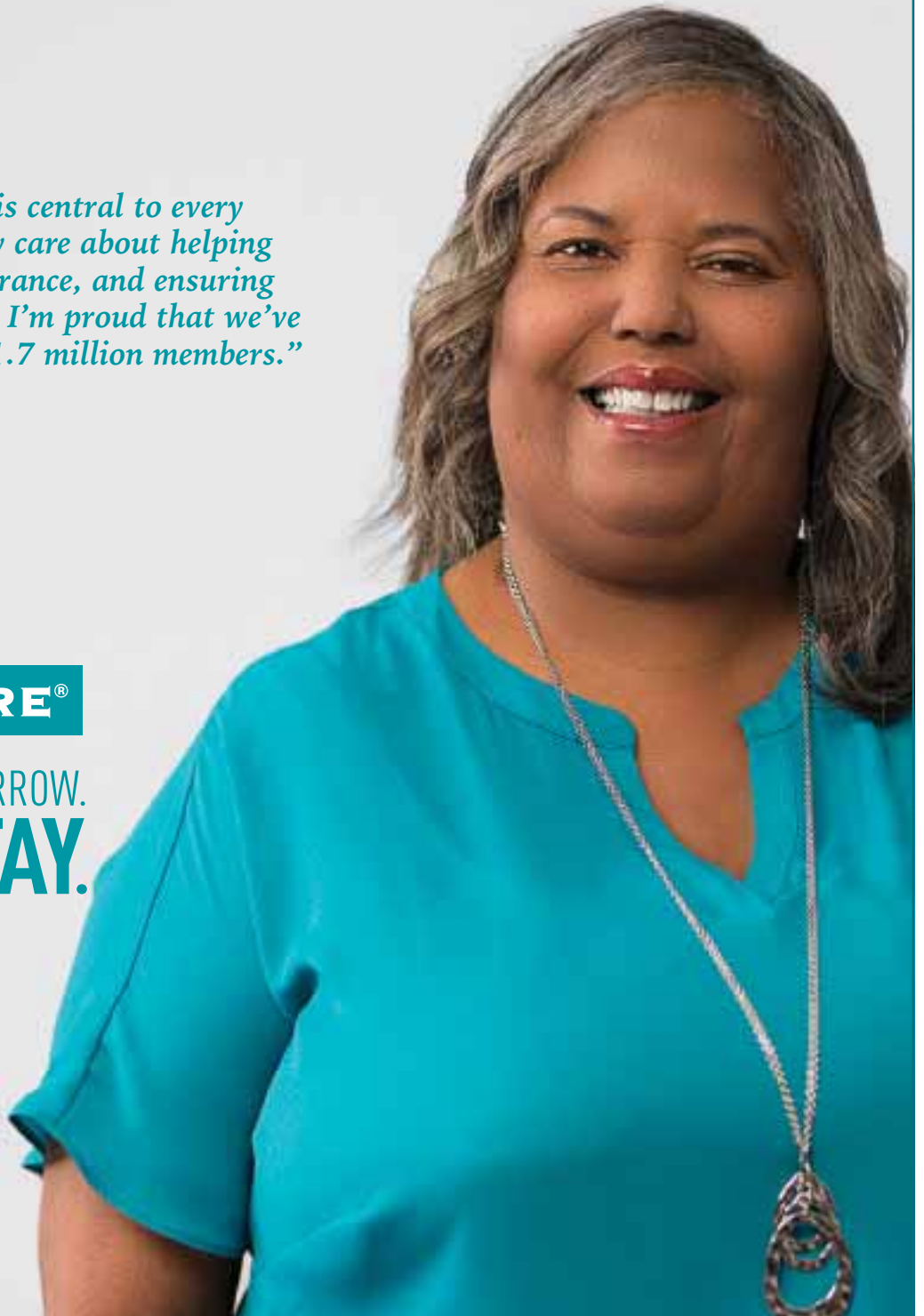
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Heads up, New Yorkers: Trump is coming to the city this week

Midtown East will get the presidential treatment on Wednesday. Here's what that means for you.



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It's easy to forget that President Donald Trump's stomping grounds for many, many years wasn't the White House, but right here in New York City. Maybe he's getting homesick, because President Trump will make his way back to his old 'hood this week with a visit to Midtown East.

Trump will be at his former abode, Trump Tower, on Wednesday, according to city

officials.

With Trump's triumphant return to Manhattan, New Yorkers can expect quite a disruption. The East Midtown Partnership said New York City drivers, as well as the general public, should expect to see heightened security as well as street closures and traffic freezes in the area around Trump Tower. The landmark skyscraper is located at 725 Fifth Avenue (between 56th and 57th streets).

Midtown Manhattan street closures on Wednesday

Beefed up security, street closures and traffic freezes will most likely occur along the FDR Drive and cross-streets in the upper east 40s and lower east 50s between the FDR Drive/



President Donald Trump waves after voting in the 2016 presidential election. Trump cast his vote in a Midtown public school, and of course, ended up winning the office. GETTY IMAGES

First Avenue and Fifth Avenue. Drivers and pedestrians should especially expect disruptions in the vicinity of

Trump Tower, which has previously seen protests in the wake of Trump's election to the office of president.

In August 2017, multiple nights' worth of protests at Trump Tower prompted NYC to dispatch several large dump trucks filled with sand as a security precaution. Metal police barricades also have surrounded the main entrance any time Trump is there.

By the way, that four-day visit in August cost New York City more than \$4 million in security. There's no word on how much Trump's day trip will cost NYC this time around.

New Yorkers who work or live in the affected areas, as well as any tourists passing by, should plan to take mass transit like the MTA and expect delays and unplanned traffic disruptions on Wednesday, and perhaps Thursday

morning, according to the East Midtown Partnership.

Why is Trump in New York City?

Wednesday's visit will be Trump's first stop back in New York City since Dec. 2, 2017, making it his first visit of 2018. While in the city, Trump will reportedly speak at an immigration event on Long Island that will focus on an "MS-13 forum discussion," the New York Post reported. Trump is expected to talk about removing the violent gang members, whom he has referred to as "animals."

Trump will likely not stay in New York City overnight, officials said, though security disruptions may still carry over into early Thursday.

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Mayor wants to stop arresting pot smokers

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance already announced his office would no longer prosecute marijuana possession and smoking charges starting Aug. 1.

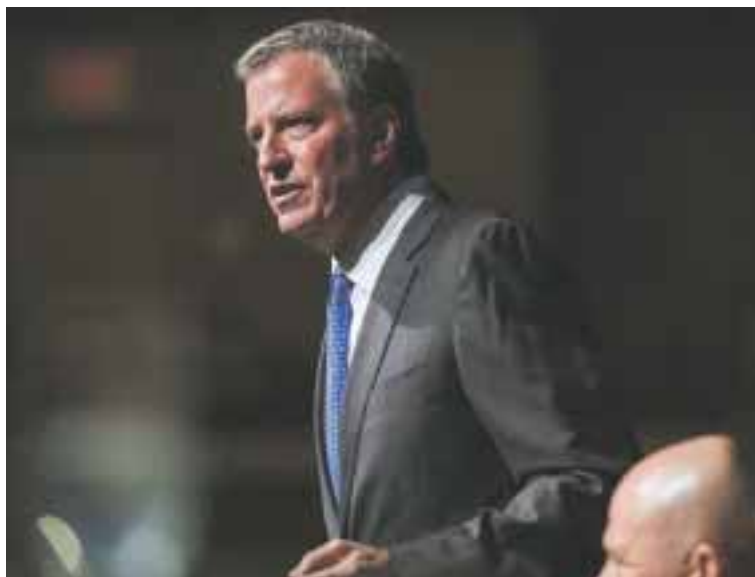


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Mayor Bill de Blasio has become the latest city official to back stopping marijuana smoking busts in New York City.

"With marijuana legalization likely to occur in our state in the near future, it is critical our city plans for the public safety, health and financial consequences involved," de Blasio said in a statement.

"While I still have real concerns we must work through, it isn't difficult



Instead of arresting people for smoking marijuana, Mayor Bill de Blasio wants the NYPD to start issuing summonses.
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to see where this is headed and any responsible policymaker must prepare for that eventuality."

The mayor's announcement came less than a week after he gave the

NYPD 30 days to institute a plan that would halt "unnecessary" marijuana-related arrests.

Instead of arresting pot smokers, de Blasio wants the NYPD to issue sum-

monses, and a spokesperson for the mayor told the New York Post that police could still arrest those with open warrants as well as potentially frisk said marijuana smokers

for additional contraband such as weapons.

"The 30-day Working Group on marijuana enforcement is underway, and this issue is certainly part of that review," NYPD spokesman Phil Walzak said in a statement after de Blasio's announcement.

Walzak added that the group is reviewing possession and public smoking of marijuana "to ensure enforcement is consistent with the values of fairness and trust, while also promoting public safety and addressing community concerns."

Currently, nine states and Washington, D.C. have legal recreational marijuana, while D.C. and 29 states, including New York, also have legal medical marijuana.

Just days before de Blasio's announcement, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. announced he would no longer prosecute marijuana possession and smoking charges start-

ing Aug. 1, something his Brooklyn counterpart Eric Gonzalez has been doing since 2014.

Additionally, city Comptroller Scott String-

"While I still have real concerns we must work through, it isn't difficult to see where this is headed..."

Mayor Bill de Blasio

er last week released a report that showed the market for legal adult-use marijuana could rake in \$1.1 billion in the city alone — with as much as \$436 million in tax revenue for the city as well.

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LIRR Forward is meant to tackle the root causes of issues like delays, to help prevent more in the future. **FUCKER/MTA**

MTA launches LIRR Forward initiative to improve service

With LIRR Forward, transit officials hope to get to the root causes of issues like delays to help prevent them in the future.



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Transit officials are taking multiple steps to make the Long Island Rail Road more efficient as part of a new initiative called LIRR Forward.

LIRR President Phil Eng announced LIRR Forward on Monday, describing the effort as a “package of specialized actions” meant to make the rails more efficient for riders by targeting the root causes of problems like delays and track failures.

Through the effort, officials will focus on making the LIRR more reliable and safe, addressing the cleanliness of the cars and stations and improving communications through things like countdown

clocks, GPS for train locations and updating the training for public information officers and other staff.

As part of the reliability improvements, officials will upgrade 10 track switches over the next six months, focusing on those which have caused 44 percent of all the 205 switch failures in 2017, and will also inspect and upgrade the 370 track circuits that caused 36 percent of all LIRR track-circuit failures.

Workers will clear 180 miles of overgrown vegetation to lessen track incidents, install 14 third-rail heaters to prevent power failures that then lead to delays and cancellations during the snow and insulate components within the Atlantic Tunnel manholes ahead of hurricane season.

In 2017, 417 trains were delayed because of vehicles on the train tracks, so in response, the LIRR will install high-visibility traffic posts at crossings and also partner with the GPS app Waze to help

prevent cars from accidentally turning onto the tracks.

“LIRR Forward is the first formal step in a new direction that will help us anticipate our problems before they arise, set standards on how to quickly and correctly respond to the challenges we face, to deliver what our ridership expects of us — which is safe, reliable service bolstered by timely, accurate and effective communication,” Eng said in a statement.

The initiative is not a “one and done” effort, he noted, but will instead be an ever-evolving plan for how the service can improve.

Also on Monday, changes meant to reduce crowding on the LIRR began. The LIRR added more cars to nine of the busiest rush-hour trains to provide more seats, and new branch timetables went into effect. Check the schedules via printed copies available at stations or online at web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable and on the LIRR Train Time app.

THESE BOOTS CARRIED THE WEIGHT OF A NATION.

He walked pigeon-toed across the muddy and blood-soaked fields just outside Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He had come to take part in the dedication of a national cemetery that entombed the bodies of more than 15,000 brave soldiers who — just four short months earlier — had fought and died on this very

spot in one of the bloodiest and most decisive battles in the war. To the people of a young nation, however, these were not soldiers in some faceless army; these were their sons, brothers and husbands. Men from almost every farm and town in the Union. Men who had rallied to fight for a cause they knew was much bigger than all of them.

Six feet above the bodies of these fallen

heroes, a crowd of equal size had squeezed around a wooden platform to hear this man speak. He wore a large wool overcoat, a black silk stovepipe hat and finely polished, thin leather boots as he worked his way through the crowd.

His eyes were very distant and it was plain to see the weight this man carried upon his shoulders. He had watched as the fields of Maryland rushed past, and he wondered if there was anything he could possibly do to keep his country from splitting in two and destroying itself in the

process. As he took his half-finished speech from his pocket and scratched away with his pen, he knew that General Lee's army was still desperately fighting and the battles and bloodshed would not soon be over.

Exhausted and trembling, the president made his way up the steps to the dais, and stood before the crowd. He paused and drew a deep breath of the crisp November air, knowing he was about to walk down a path from which there was no return. He unfolded his text and began to read, "Four score and seven years ago..."

In his speech, Lincoln put forth a radical assertion. He maintained that it was the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution, that was the Founding Fathers' original blueprint for our nation. A blueprint that maintained that all men are created equal. Today, this might seem downright conventional, but in 1863, it was seen as a brazen attack on the rule of law. A rule that the Confederate states used to justify their secession from the Union.

In the 1800s, it was not uncommon for political orators to speak for over two hours. People would pack a lunch and make a day of it. Edward Everett preceded Lincoln with a two-hour lecture. But when Lincoln spoke, he took less than two minutes. He spoke a mere 272 words. But because of the nature of its content and its brevity, the message hit home. His message was both a salute to those brave soldiers who had fallen and a challenge to those who stood with him that day to carry out the vision of our forefathers and ensure that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



Abraham Lincoln

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EQUALITY STARTS WITH A FIRST STEP



"I vehemently deny any allegations of sexual assault," Batali said in a statement issued by his representative Linden Zakula. "My past behavior has been deeply inappropriate and I am sincerely remorseful for my actions." GETTY IMAGES

NYPD to investigate chef Mario Batali over sexual assault accusations

Batali is one of dozens of high-profile men who have been fired or resigned from their jobs in politics, media, entertainment and business after facing allegations of sexually harassing or assaulting women and men.

Celebrity chef Mario Batali is under investigation for an alleged sexual assault dating back to 2005, police said on Monday, as a report emerged of an inquiry into a second assault accusation against him in 2004.

"I vehemently deny any allegations of sexual assault," Batali said in a statement issued by his representative Linden Zakula. "My past behavior has been deeply inappropriate and I am sincerely remorseful for my actions."

Batali said he was not attempting a professional comeback and added, "My only focus is finding a personal path forward where I can continue in my charitable endeavors — helping the underprivileged and those in need."

The chef, who owns numerous restaurants, has been accused of drugging and sexually assaulting an employee at one of his restaurants in 2005, according to a report on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" program that aired on Sunday.

The New York City Police Department confirmed in an email on Monday that it was investigating the 2005 allegation.

In December, after accusations by four women were reported by online food trade

publication Eater New York, ABC Television Network said it had fired Batali from its cooking show, "The Chew" and Batali stepped away from his restaurant company.

In the "60 Minutes" interview, CBS concealed the accuser's face with shaded lighting. The woman said she was concerned that if her identity was revealed it would hurt her future job prospects in the restaurant industry.

"Who wants to be defined by their worst day in their life?" she asked.

Other restaurant workers told the program on the record that they had witnessed Batali inappropriately touching women.

"I vehemently deny any allegations of sexual assault."

Mario Batali

Batali is also being investigated over a claim by another woman who said he drugged and raped her a year earlier, The New York Times reported on Monday.

Citing an unidentified source, the newspaper reported that a woman told police two months ago that she had been assaulted by Batali at his Babbo restaurant in 2004.

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US toughens stance on Iran, lists sweeping demands

The United States on Monday demanded Iran make sweeping changes — from dropping its nuclear program to pulling out of the Syrian civil war — or face severe economic sanctions as the Trump administration hardened its approach to Tehran.

Iran dismissed Washington's ultimatum and one senior Iranian official said it showed the United States is seeking "regime change" in Iran.

Weeks after President Donald Trump pulled out of an international nuclear deal with Iran, his administration threatened to impose "the strongest sanctions in history," and vowed to "crush" Iranian operatives abroad, setting Washington and Tehran further on a course of confrontation.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo demanded sweeping changes that would force Iran effectively to reverse the recent spread of its military and political influence through the Middle East to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

The speech added to the tension between the two countries, which grew notably when Trump this month withdrew from the 2015 international agreement aimed at preventing Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

If Washington sees tangible shifts in Iran's policies, it is prepared to lift sanctions, Pompeo said.

"The sting of sanc-

tions will only grow more painful if the regime does not change course from the unacceptable and unproductive path it has chosen for itself and the people of Iran," Pompeo said in his first major speech since becoming secretary of state.

"These will be the strongest sanctions in history by the time we are done," he added.

The European Union largely dismissed Pompeo's speech and said it remained committed to the full implementation of the nuclear deal.

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Pompeo took aim at Iran's policy of expansion in the Middle East through support for armed groups in countries such as Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

He warned that the United States would "crush" Iranian operatives and proxies abroad and told Tehran to pull out forces under its command from the Syrian civil war where they have helped President Bashar al-Assad gain the upper hand.

Iran's president summarily dismissed Pompeo's demands.

"Who are you to decide for Iran and the world?" the semi-official ILNA news agency quoted Hassan Rouhani as saying.

"The world today does not accept America to decide for the world, as countries are independent ... that era is over. ... We will continue our path with the support of our nation." REUTERS



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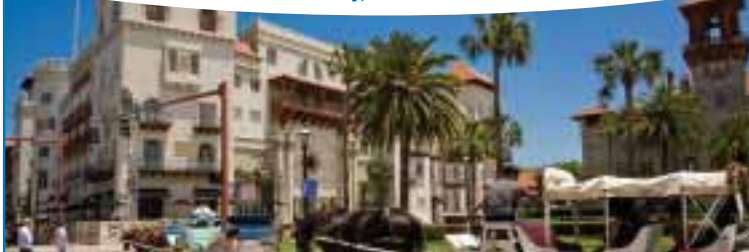
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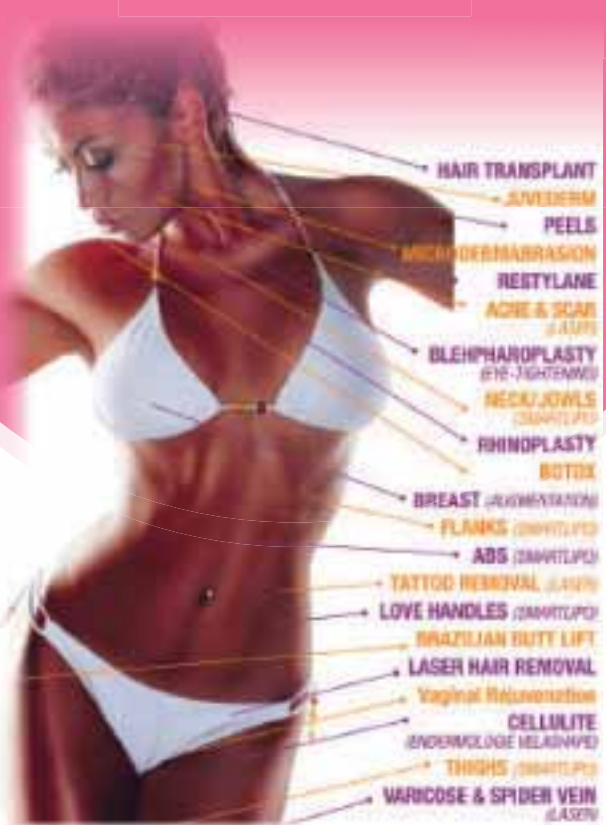
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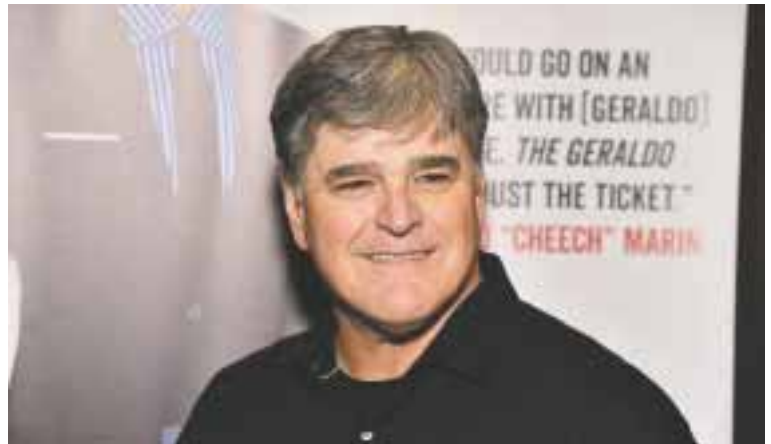


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Sean Hannity has been reported to speak regularly with President Trump. GETTY IMAGES

These are the only 7 people who can call Trump directly — and one's an Obama donor

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Legal analysts have described President Donald Trump as a “nightmare client” because, for one, “he doesn’t listen.” But he does take some people’s calls. So, who can call Donald Trump directly?

In fact, the president’s inner phone circle is very specific, and limited to seven individuals who can dial him directly. How many of them still want to is unclear. But New York magazine reported these names are on the “cleared callers” list, people who can get patched right through to Trump by the White House switchboard. Meet the seven people who can call Donald Trump when the whim strikes.

Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump

The president’s sons get immediate access, a predictable arrangement that troubles ethics experts. Lacking an official White House position like sister Ivanka, the two are charged with running the Trump Organization in New York City. After originally promising not to talk business with his father, Eric said that he would

“My father and I are very close. I talk to him a lot. We’re pretty inseparable.”

Eric Trump

continue to “update” his dad on the company. “My father and I are very close,” Eric told Forbes. “I talk to him a lot. We’re pretty inseparable.”

Steven Schwartzman

The billionaire CEO of the Blackstone Group, longtime Republican and Trump’s Palm Beach neighbor didn’t donate to Trump’s presidential campaign or endorse Trump, but now he is “one of Trump’s most generous donors, as well as a key adviser with rare and regular access to the president,” reported the Washington Post.

Rupert Murdoch

Described as “frenemies with benefits,” Trump and the Fox News CEO relationship have a complicated relationship. In “Fire & Fury,” Michael Wolff reported that Murdoch called Trump a “f—ing idiot.” But Trump reveres Murdoch, CNN reports, giving him his ear — and a hand in picking the head of the FCC and obstructing the AT&T/

Time Warner merger, which would benefit Murdoch’s competitor CNN.

Tom Barrack

The billionaire real-estate developer is reportedly one of Trump’s oldest friends, their relationship going back decades. How often does he call Donald Trump? Their communication is supposedly so free-flowing that the Associated Press reported on May 5 that Barrack had been interviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller about potential collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia and financial matters relating to the transition and inauguration.

Robert Kraft

Formerly a Democrat and Obama donor, the co-owner of the New England Patriots went all-in for Trump in 2016, donating \$1 million to his campaign. He even sent Trump his Super Bowl ring after the Patriots’ win in 2017.

Sean Hannity

The Fox News host has become a constant adviser to the president. New York reported that the Fox News host and the president talk almost every weeknight after 10 p.m., when the live broadcast of “Hannity” ends. The show is essentially a long nightly defense of everything Trump.

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How to start your career while still in college

Think about your next steps with on campus career development.



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While attending college, it can be easy to find yourself sticking to a certain routine or academic tunnel-vision. You go to class, do homework, and prepare for exams. Rinse, wash and repeat.

But what you may not know, is that many schools provide both on campus job training as well as partnerships with local businesses that can help you gain the meaningful connections that you will

need to succeed once you have earned your degree. The only thing is, you need to know how to pursue of these programs in order to take advantage of the connections that they will provide. So how

can you kick-start your career while still in college?

Make meaningful connections

The more professional connections you make early on, the more

opportunities you will have further down the road. This is why you should not only treat your fellow classmates like a business Rolodex, but you should be looking to attend classes and enroll in programs

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Start your career as soon as possible

If you happen to get a job opportunity before you've finished your degree, why not take it? Receiving a job offer at this stage in your studies was probably a result of you doing everything right in the first place.

So don't wait until those first months after you have graduated to start looking for a job. If you play your cards right, you could be beginning your career in your final semester at school!

How can your college help you?

While it's easy to think that you can get by on your grades alone,



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some businesses would rather hire someone based upon their work experiences. That's why many schools offer exclusive internship programs to get you into your professional field early. The John Jay College of Crimi-

nal Justice offers an internship program that splits half of the student's time between the classroom and in the field so they can learn by doing. Even though many college internships coincide with the regu-

lar school year, you shouldn't stop hustling once your school year has finished. Finding a summer internship that will get your foot in the door of a business that makes sense for your given field of study will keep your

chase going even when school is out for summer. Which is a great thing. The more

hungry and driven you are during this down time, the more employers will remember or recognize you amongst the pack. Sometimes these summer internships will offer pay. But keep in mind, the real compensation you will be receiving will be experience in the field and some new connections that will help you get further in your chosen profession.

If you are still indecisive about what you'd exactly like to do after you've earned your degree, many schools

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Smoke gets in your eyes and your nose all thanks to those nicotine fiends who feel a subway entrance is an ideal place to spew more unhealthy smoke than Aaron Schlossberg's tiki torches.

Because of smokers' self-made smoky conditions, they most likely never saw the surgeon general's warning about the dangers of sucking on cigarettes printed on every pack. But the city is 302.6 square miles; yet, these cancerous cloud makers act as if they're under house arrest and their homes are the 15-foot-or-less entrances/exits that they dare not leave. How I wish someone much more muscular and braver than I would walk up to each of them and snarl: "How



'bout a smokin' back hand for your second-hand smoke?"

Most likely, these smokers are the same folks who hate dogs but own one because they need a weak reason to go outside and inhale burning leaves a few times

a day. Of course, these "smokys" are the only ones outside on your block at 6 a.m. that you find yourself walking behind and inhaling their smoke on your way to the subway station — where another smoky greets you at

the stairwell's entrance with a cellphone in one hand and a ciggie and cup of coffee in the other.

Smelling nicotine-laced smoke makes me miss the good ol' days of my home in the East Village in the late '70s; where one had to walk over and/or past comatose junkies at the Second Avenue F Train entrance. They may have been at death's door, but at least you didn't have to inhale a bad habit—like we all do now.

- Mark Osborne, Metro New York reader

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of him or her, especially when the customer was being waited on before the phone rang. (BTW, I'm always the customer in person.)

- Jerry A., Metro US reader

Well, my complaint is for the female sex. As a senior, I would now like to sit as I stood up for disabled and seniors as long as I worked. It is disheartening to see females take the seat next to the door or at center pole but sit about 4 or 5 inches in from the end of the seat and then put a stuffed tote bag on the empty part of the seat which then guarantees no room for a third person in a three-person section. - Margaret Hayward, Metro New York reader

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Gemini Don't let your emotions come between you and someone you love, or stop you from making the personal changes necessary for a better home life.



Cancer Explain yourself and show others what you want or how to do something. Reaching out and offering help will lead to greater opportunity and good alliances.



Leo Keep your opinions to yourself and avoid getting into a debate that could ruin your day. Concentrate on being reliable and finishing what you start.



Virgo If you bring about change, you will be praised for your insightful maneuvers. Working alongside others will help you maintain control. A steady pace will lead to greater stability.



Libra Put more thought into where your money goes. Look over your bank statements to find a way to cut corners. Take better care of your health through good nutrition, diet and exercise.



Scorpio Be imaginative and make some noteworthy changes. A change to how or where you live or physical improvements you make will be beneficial.



Sagittarius Watch your step when dealing with others. Problems with in-laws, siblings or anyone who tries to control or manipulate you should be firmly dealt with right out of the gate.



Capricorn Organize your day to accomplish what you set out to do. Money or a gift will come from an unusual source. Home improvements and romance are favored.



Aquarius A cautious approach to change is in your best interest. If someone wants to forge ahead, don't feel the need to follow along. Do things at your own pace. Spend less and save more.



Pisces Express your thoughts and feelings to get the support you need to move forward. A physical improvement at home will encourage you to share with someone special. EUGENIA LAST

LIFESTYLE

Comedy heavy hitters drop new Netflix specials

Tig Notaro, Steve Martin and Martin Short bring the laughs this week.

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Over the past few years, Netflix has become the go-to place to watch the latest stand-up comedy, both from household names and up-and-coming talents alike.

Just this month, the streaming service released new specials from John Mulaney and Ali Wong, and the first-ever taped hour from Hari Kondabolu. This week, however, Netflix goes into overdrive with new

specials from "One Mississippi" star Tig Notaro and duo Steve Martin and Martin Short. The former premieres today, while the latter begins streaming on Friday.

Filmed at Houston's historic Heights Theater, "Tig Notaro: Happy to Be Here" follows the comic's critically acclaimed debut comedy special, "Tig Notaro: Boyish Girl Interrupted," which premiered in 2015 on HBO. It boasts a runtime of around 58 minutes, which is short when compared to most other Netflix specials



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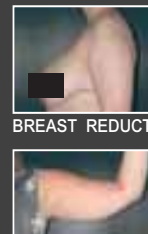
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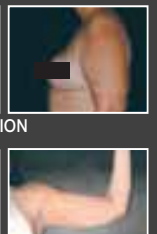
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Tig Notaro is back with another introspectively hilarious stand-up special. **NETFLIX**

kid parents, to that one time she was invited to a party hosted by Ellen DeGeneres, the comedian's follow-up to "Boyish Girl Interrupted" packs plenty of fun bits. And for fans of the recently canceled "One Mississippi," the Amazon Prime original series Notaro co-created with Diablo Cody, "Happy To Be Here" offers them what they've sorely been missing:

more Tig.

This is something Netflix subscribers will also be getting with DeGeneres' upcoming special, which Notaro will direct, and "First Ladies," a recently announced political comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Notaro as the first female President of the United States and her wife. But since neither of these will be available to stream until

Steve Martin and Martin Short's latest project debuts this Friday. **NETFLIX**



later this year or in 2019, "Happy To Be Here" will surely suffice.

Switching gears, "Steve Martin and Martin Short: An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life" presents viewers with a drastically different, but nonetheless enjoyable hour of comedy. Actually the new special, which features a rare return to stand-up for Martin, is

closer to one hour and 13 minutes in length, but this makes perfect sense as pure stand-up is only one of the many things the pair does throughout.

Comedy, musical numbers, ventriloquism, sketches, not-so-serious conversations about their respective careers and previous collaborations - the duo's new Netflix show is fantastic. This

comes as no surprise, as Martin and Short have been performing and perfecting these bits for the past two years. It wasn't until late February that they decided to record the performance at the Peace Center in Greenville, South Carolina.

That the special would be premiering exclusively on Netflix wasn't officially announced until

late April, a full month before its streaming debut, but the show is definitely worth the wait. Longtime fans of Martin and Short will find plenty to love about "An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life," as will newcomers unfamiliar with Short's heyday on "SCTV" and "Saturday Night Live," or Martin's classic comedy albums and theatrical films.



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Alternative transportation is having a moment in the city, whether it's the looming shutdown of the L train or the constant headache that is riding any of the city's subway lines. From more ferries to electric bikes or creating car-free corridors within Manhattan and beyond, everyone is looking for ways to keep the city moving.

So the time felt right for Brooklyn-based studio Crème / Jun Aizaki Architecture & Design to take its idea for reconnecting the two fast-growing neighborhoods of Green-

point and Long Island City public.

The company has launched a Kickstarter to build the Timber Bridge, a floating wooden bridge for pedestrians and bikes over Newtown Creek that would connect Brooklyn's Manhattan Avenue to Long Island City's Vernon Boulevard.

"Greenpoint and Long Island City are both already amazing neighborhoods," says project lead Jun Aizaki, who's lived in the area for close to 20 years. "We think with our connection they can be even more amazing. And given that these neighborhoods are constantly evolving with more developments, we think more options for commuting are needed."

The bridge would allow passenger and bike traffic to pass across the creek as well as over the LIRR rail yard in Long Island City. Over the water, its pillars would be tall enough to allow small boats to pass

The Timber Bridge would connect Brooklyn and Queens.
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beneath the bridge, which would be able to swing open to allow larger ships to pass.

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it an iconic bridge to visit.”

Right now, the only commuting option residents have between the two boroughs besides the subway is the Pulaski Bridge, which was built primarily for car traffic whose bike lanes aren't large or protected enough, according to Crème.

Timber Bridge would be just the beginning of a

bigger revitalization project called the LongPoint Corridor, reaching from 54th Avenue in Brooklyn to the LIRR rail yard in Queens. Crème has plans to revitalize the areas around both ends of the bridge, creating not just green space but storefronts for retail.

Crème has been working on the proposal for

several years, and the Kickstarter is looking to raise \$50,000 by June 16 to fund feasibility studies, community events to raise awareness, and a light installation that would mirror the eventual bridge.

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About 2,500 members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will mingle with New Yorkers during Fleet Week 2018. GETTY IMAGES

Your guide to *Fleet Week*

Go to a mixer for service members, see some of the Navy's mightiest ships, catch a free screening of "Top Gun" and more of the best Fleet Week events.



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White caps, sailor uniforms and a sudden uptick in nautical search terms on Google — it must be Fleet Week.

The 2018 edition of Fleet Week starts on Wednesday, May 23, through Memorial Day (May 28), bringing some 2,500 service members from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to the shores of New York City. Started as a recruiting event in 1984, Fleet Week has melted into a week of fun

events, performances and a chance to get to know those who live aboard the ships a little better (how much is up to you).

So whether you're a sailor looking to make the most of your week on dry land or a landlubber wanting to experience a bit of life at sea, we've rounded up the five essential events for Fleet Week 2018.

Watch "Top Gun" on a battleship

The Intrepid was the Sea, Air & Space Museum, it served as an aircraft carrier in World War II and the Vietnam War. What better place to watch the Air Force classic "Top Gun," on May 25 with an introduction by former astronaut and T-38 pilot Gregory C. Johnson. Entry is free, so arrive when the deck opens at 7 p.m. to snag a spot, and bring something soft to sit on.

Meet a sailor

There are many ways to snag a sailor, but these two official weekend mixers are where you'll be sure everyone is there to party.

On Thursday, May 25, head to Hudson Station (440 Ninth Ave.) for a Single and the City party from 7 p.m. to midnight with passed hors d'oeuvres, icebreaker activities and dancing. Service members enjoy an open bar from 7-8 p.m.

And on May 26 from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., groove at a silent disco at Stage48 (605 W. 48th St.) with three DJs and glow-in-the-dark gear for optimal dance floor fun. Free to service members, \$40 for everyone else.

Go aboard the ships

It's not just the sailors getting to see New York — during Fleet Week,

14 of their ships will be open for public tours daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Manhattan, see the star attraction of Fleet Week 2018 the amphibious transport ship USS Arlington at Pier 90, and four Navy training and research boats at the Intrepid's Pier 86. At the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, see the guided missile destroyer USS Mitscher. And in Staten Island's Homeport Pier, you'll find one of the Navy's newest additions, the USS Little Rock commissioned in December 2017.

Swing dance the night away

On Friday, May 26, the Intrepid hosts its annual Battle of the Big Bands from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dress to swing dance all night at this 1940s-inspired soiree with over

80 bands and singers performing, a best-dressed contest and classic photo ops. Tickets start at \$59.



See "Top Gun" for free on the Intrepid.
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Visit the Intrepid

New York has its own year-round docked museum all about the armed forces: the Intrepid. During Fleet Week weekend, the ship gets even busier than usual with special tours, demonstrations and events on the

flight deck, including a Broadway Salutes the Troops show on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 1:30 p.m. with hits from "Hamilton," "Miss Saigon" and more. Many of the events are free; service members get free entry to the museum.

Tour New York's military history

For Memorial Day, classic Harbor Line and Turnstile Tours have created a special Military History Tour that covering the city's past from the Revolutionary War through World War II. Sail past New York's harbor forts, see the Brooklyn Army Terminal, wave to the Statue of Liberty and go all the way down to Staten Island's Homeport during a 2.5-hour tour aboard a 1920s-inspired yacht. \$68, sail-nyc.com

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After what seemed like a never-ending winter and a soggy spring, we can finally see summer on the horizon. While the sun and heat will beckon us outside, you have to be sure to protect your body's biggest organ — your skin. We spoke to Dr. Desiree Ratner, director of the Comprehensive Skin Cancer Center at

Mount Sinai Downtown, about having fun in the sun safely.

What should you look for in a sunscreen?

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 or higher with broad-spectrum protection (meaning protection against UVA and UVB rays). Ideally, that sunscreen should also be water-resistant.

How do you properly use a sunscreen?

It is important to use enough sunscreen to generously coat all areas not covered by clothing, including the face, ears, neck, arms and hands. The amount needed to cover the exposed areas of the body will be roughly the size of a shot glass. Sunscreen should be applied to dry skin 15-30 minutes before going outdoors so it has time to bind, and it should be reapplied every two hours.

Are sprays as good as lotions?



"Sunscreen should be used every day — even when it's cloudy outside," says Dr. Desiree Ratner.

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to use enough of it to cover all exposed areas, and remember that it has to be reapplied every couple of hours to optimize protection. If you're going to rely on foundation as your sunscreen, then you would also need to apply it to your neck, ears, and chest as well.

What are some common misconceptions/myths about skin cancer and people of color?

The biggest misconception is that darker-skinned people don't get

skin cancer, which just isn't true. While darker-skinned people are less susceptible to UV damage because they have more protective pigment, they can still develop skin cancer, including on body parts rarely exposed to the sun. While skin cancer is curable if diagnosed early, in people of color it tends to be diagnosed later and can be more deadly. For this reason, people of all ethnicities should be aware of changes and new lesions on their skin, and should see a dermatologist if

they notice areas that bleed, crust, don't heal, or grow or about which they are concerned.

Anything else we need to know?

Sunscreen should be used every day—even when it's cloudy outside—since every time the sun's rays hit the skin, they cause damage, leading not only to skin cancer, but also to age spots and wrinkles. The more you protect yourself from the sun, the more beautiful and healthy your skin will be.

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Vegas' Stanley Cup run a grim reminder to Islanders, others

The Golden Knights' improbable run to the Stanley Cup Finals shows just how unsuccessful some NHL teams have been lately.



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The Cinderella story continues to roll as the NHL's newest team, the Vegas Golden Knights advanced to the Stanley Cup Final on Sunday with a 2-1 win over the Winnipeg Jets, just 226 games after playing their first-ever regular-season game.

Technically, they are the second expansion franchise to ever make a championship round in their respective sport, joining the St. Louis Blues in 1968, who lost in the Stanley Cup Final to the Montreal Canadiens. However, the Blues were playing in a West Division in 1967-68 in which all six teams were expansion sides, meaning one was automatically going to be competing for a Stanley Cup.



The Vegas Golden Knights became the second expansion team in NHL history to make a Stanley Cup Final. GETTY IMAGES

They weren't a very good representative of the new division either, as they had a losing record, compiled just 70 points and were swept by the powerhouse Canadiens.

But this run to the Cup for Vegas is far more unlikely and much more impressive as they took a team of

cast-offs, coupled with smooth dealings by general manager George McPhee, and became one of the best teams in the West. Yes, expansion rules were much better for the Golden Knights compared to new teams of the past, but a first-year team putting up 109 points, winning the established

Pacific Division and losing just three games in their first three playoff rounds is one of the best stories we've seen in sports.

It also provides some of the more struggling franchises with an unwanted reminder of just how long it's been since they've had a season like the Golden

Knights'.
So let's take a look:

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109 points
3 playoff series wins
1 Western Conference championship

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS
EST. 1917**

Last 50-season: Never
Last Stanley Cup appearance: 1967
Last Stanley Cup: 1967
3 playoff series wins since 2001

**BUFFALO SABRES
EST. 1971**

Last 50-win season: 2006-07
Last Stanley Cup Final appearance: 1999
Last Stanley Cup: Never
4 playoff series wins since 2005

**ARIZONA COYOTES
EST. 1979**

Last 50-win season: 09-10
Last Stanley Cup Final appearance: None
Last Stanley Cup: Never
3 playoff series wins since 1986

**NEW YORK ISLANDERS
EST. 1972**

Last 50-win season: 1981-82 (54)
Last Stanley Cup Final appearance: 1984
Last Stanley Cup: 1983
3 playoff series wins since 1993

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS
EST. 2000**

Last 50-win season: 2016-17
Last Stanley Cup Final appearance: Never
Last Stanley Cup: Never
0 playoff series wins

**MINNESOTA WILD
EST. 2000**

Last 50-win season: None
Last Stanley Cup Final appearance: Never
Last Stanley Cup: None
4 playoff series wins since 2002

Other teams with notable Stanley Cup Final appearance droughts:

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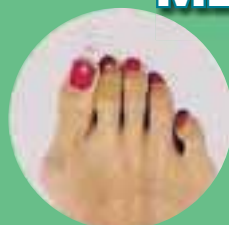


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Beckham reports to Giants OTAs

New York's star receiver remains visible despite not having a new contract.



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New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. still doesn't have that long-term contract that he's been coveting this offseason, but that isn't stopping him from staying with his team.

The 25-year-old Pro Bowler reported to Giants facilities on Monday for organized team activities (OTAs), which is a continuously promising sign that the two sides are going to work things out before his rookie contract expires at the end of the 2018 season.

Just two months ago, it looked as though the Giants were ready to sever ties with Beckham, reportedly making him available on the trade market just hours after the receiver threatened to hold out if he wasn't given a long-term contract extension this offseason. They even went as far as having conversations with the Los Angeles Rams about acquiring first-round draft picks for Beckham.

While it was a surprising move given the

sheer talent Beckham holds, his demeanor on the field and his actions off it seemed to have taken its toll on Giants management. So much in fact that they were willing to give up one of the most productive pass catchers in NFL history over his first three full seasons.

Last year saw Beckham's production limited as an ankle injury forced him to miss 12 games during a season in which the Giants lost a franchise-worst 13 games.

But things for Beckham and the Giants have suddenly been looking up, even though Jordan Raanan of ESPN.com reported on Monday morning that the two parties have not made any strides in serious contract negotiations.

After the miserable 2017 campaign earned them the No. 2 pick of the 2018 draft, New York acquired Penn State running back Saquon Barkley, considered by many to be the best overall talent available. It was a move Beckham clearly approved of and he has wasted no time getting to work with Barkley, as the rookie told Matt Lombardo of NJ.com:

"Odell and I got a lot closer since the draft. It was great meeting



Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. has been doing the right thing this spring, attending all team activities throughout the offseason. GETTY IMAGES

him. Odell was just being Odell. He's one of the most electrifying players in the NFL, if not the best wide receiver in the NFL. He saw who I was from college and we just started working out. Since then, he started giving me tips. He gave me a lot of tips on how to do it. ... I look forward to our career together and obviously our friendship growing even more. The best advice Odell gave me, ... is to just continue being me. I got here for a reason. Obviously, you have to improve on your work

ethic and your game. Obviously, you have a lot more time to focus on the game of football. Just be you. Stay true to who you are, be humble, be hungry, and the rest will take care of itself."

Beckham has done everything the Giants could have possibly expected from him, attending voluntary offseason programs in March and minicamp in April while posting videos of him working out when he

isn't with the team.

He looks committed to the cause and is doing all the right things needed to get the ball rolling on extension talks. A ball that is firmly in Giants management's court.



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3 things to watch at Giants OTAs

All eyes will be on a Giants team riddled with question marks heading into 2018.



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In what might be the most anticipated Organized Team Activities (OTAs) in quite some time for the New York Giants, more questions than answers remain for one of the worst teams in football last year. That doesn't mean, however, that the Giants will be a bad team as they head toward 2018.

Far from it. This team, in fact, is closer to being the group that made the playoffs two years ago than last year's 3-13 monstrosity. They are improved in several areas on the field and return a very strong core and spine. It isn't hype,

it's just reality.

That doesn't mean, though, that things are completely settled for this team heading into training. And it doesn't mean that they will make the postseason. Just simply that this team is closer to being the one that did so well in 2016 than the dumpster fire last year.

1. ERECK FLOWERS AND THE OFFENSIVE LINE

The offseason signing of left tackle Nate Solder in free agency from the New England Patriots is an instant upgrade for the Giants, who have struggled mightily in protecting quarterback Eli Manning and opening holes for the running game.

Solder and guard Patrick Omameh upgrade this unit and if Ereck Flowers can take a step forward in his fourth year in the league, then this unit



Olivier Vernon and the Giants' 3-4 defense will be closely watched during organized team activities. GETTY IMAGES

has hope. Right tackle might be a better fit for Flowers and if he can develop this year, then the Giants can move the ball offensively.

Can Flowers improve? Are the Giants settled at center? A return to the playoffs likely hinges on how these questions are answered.

2. THE 3-4 DEFENSE

Switching up the defensive front isn't as big of an issue as some might think, especially since defensive end Olivier Vernon has played standing up before. There will be a transition, however, and the smoother things go these next few weeks for the Giants, the better it will be heading

into training camp.

The good news is that Damon Harrison played nose tackle in a 3-4 with the Jets and has a comfort level there. And interior defensive lineman Dalvin Tomlinson has good size to play inside or on the edge. Changes are happening and this remains a huge sticking point for the team.

3. THE TEAM'S VIBE

Head coach Pat Shurmur inherits a team that, a year ago, set the dubious mark for the most losses in franchise history, despite the fact that they were (on paper) one of the league's most talented teams.

This isn't an easy tightrope for Shurmur to walk. There are a lot of veterans in this group as well as young stars. Some have tremendous egos, some are immature and some felt disgruntled at points last year. He'll need to manage personalities and expectations while trying to collectively get this group moving forward as one.

Not an easy task but not impossible.

OTAs are a key time for Shurmur to build a line of communication and trust with this team. The sooner he can get them to buy into his vision and bring their lunchpails to work every day, the sooner this team can turn around.

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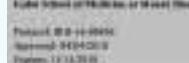
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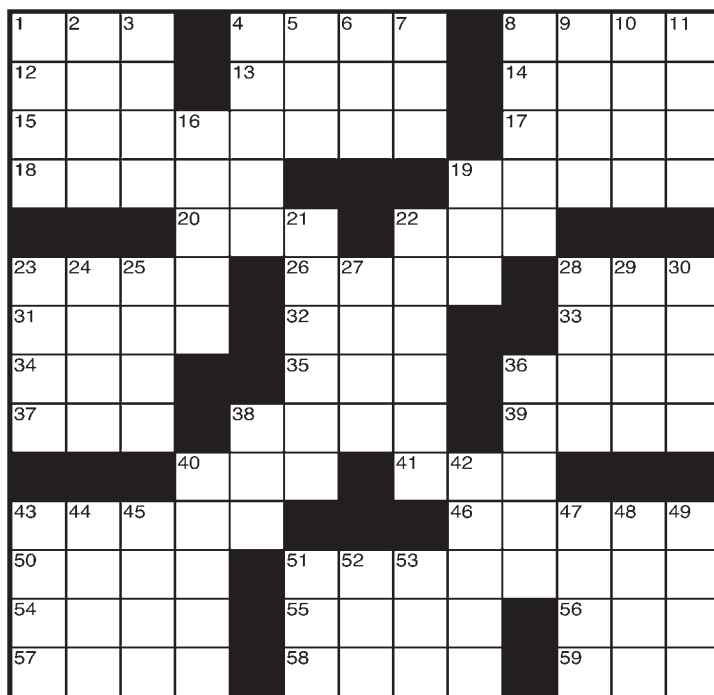
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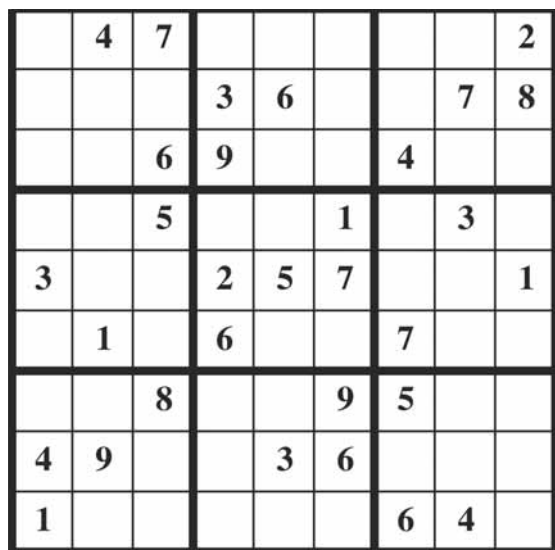
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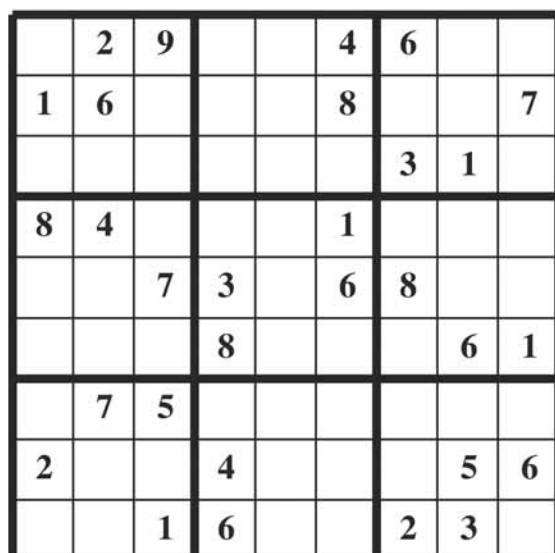


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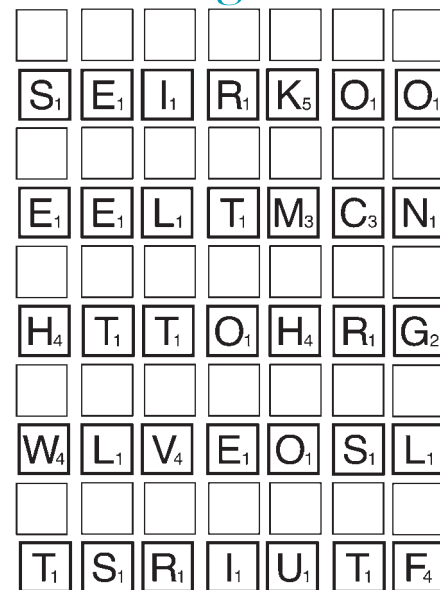


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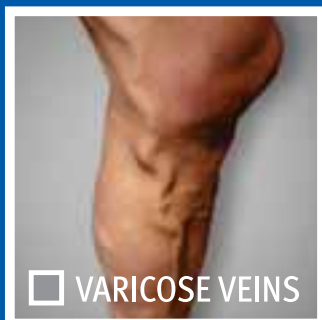
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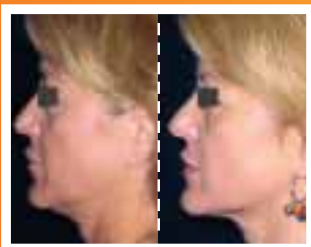
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